

INFLUENZA REPORT

2022-2023 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 44 (10/30-11/5)

Weekly Report of Influenza and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity

Overview (MMWR Week 44)



Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

Spread

Sporadic Geographic Spread

Co-circulating

Other Viruses SARS-CoV-2 **RSV**

Outbreaks

No direct reports of outbreaks

Syndromic

Syndromic anomalies in Natrona County were reported

Flu Activity

Low Activity is low

across the state

Seasonal Data

Types of Flu Influenza A and B viruses are circulating

Severity

Inpatients

No direct reports of hospitalizations. Early increases in hospitalizations nation wide.

EMS

Suspected ILI

11 reports this week

ILI Activity

Minimal

Slight increase in outpatient respiratory illness activity

Subtypes

Primary: A/H3

Predominately H3N2 viruses reported across the country

Deaths

No locally reported pediatric deaths, 3 additional pediatric deaths reported nationwide

Hot Spots

Tracking Trends

No notifications of hot spots

Geographic Spread



Geographic Activity by Regions

Wyoming as a whole observed sporadic activity this week (MMWR Week 44).

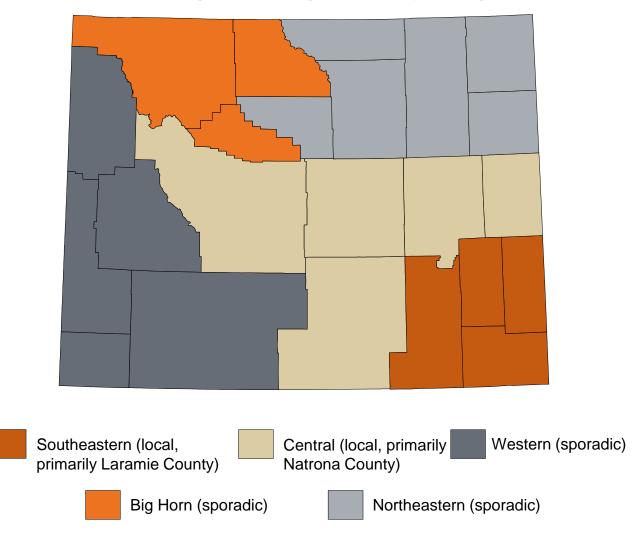
Healthcare providers in ten counties reported ILI activity.

The electronically reported influenza cases represent all five Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE) Geographic Regions.

Two of the five IDE Geographic Regions indicated local activity this week.

Healthcare providers reported 100 influenza cases (rapid influenza diagnostic tests and PCR confirmed tests).

IDE Geographic Regions of Wyoming



Influenza-like Illness Surveillance



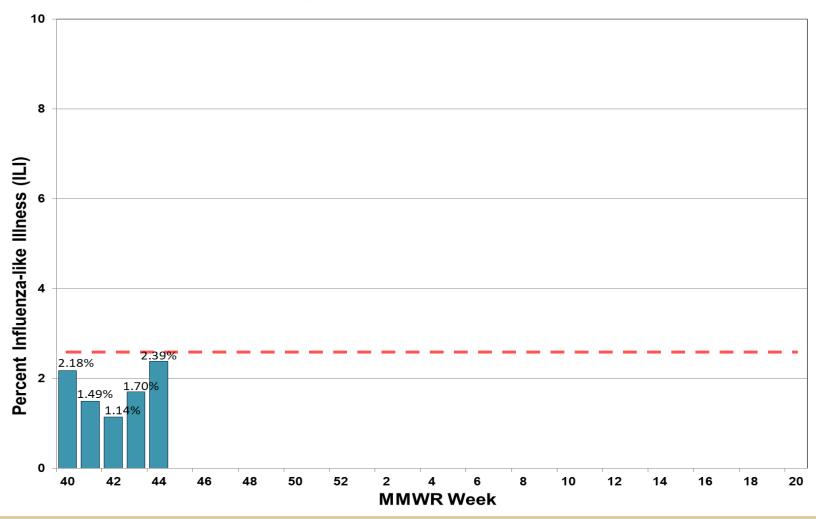
ILINet Providers

The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 2.39%, which is slightly below Wyoming's baseline (2.59%), and an increase from week 43.

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from more than 50% of the ILINet providers across the state.

Key Updates: Flu activity continues to increase across the country, with the highest levels of activity occurring in the southeast and south-central parts of the country, followed by the Mid-Atlantic and the south-central West Coast regions.

Weekly Percent of ILI Visits



Virologic Surveillance



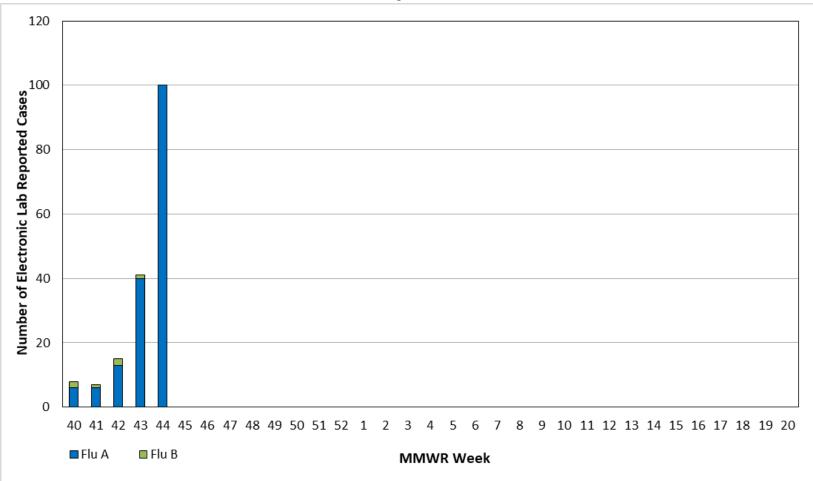
Public Health Laboratory

The overall volume of samples tested for influenza at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory has increased since the introduction of the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay. We are starting to see a strong increase in the number of positive influenza specimens compared to the first few weeks of the 2022-2023 season.

Healthcare and Clinical Laboratories

Clinical laboratories most frequently reported Influenza A/H3N2 viruses during MMWR Week 44; however, H1N1 viruses are also being reported.

Electronic Lab Reports of Influenza Cases



* This graph is not representative of all influenza cases across the state

Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality



Mortality Data

Tracking death certificates is the best surveillance system to capture and identify pneumonia and influenza-associated deaths in Wyoming. According to the CDC, influenza is infrequently listed on death certificates. Also, testing for seasonal influenza infections is not frequently performed, particularly among the elderly, who are at greatest risk for seasonal influenza complications and death. Therefore, public health officials may not identify influenza-associated deaths in many instances; consequently, this surveillance system may underestimate the true impact of influenza-associated deaths in the state.

There have been six pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality reports certified since the beginning of the 2022-2023 Influenza Season.

Monthly P&I Mortality Reports (2017-2023)

